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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should maintain a land-based intercontinental ballistic missile force of not less than 500 Minuteman III missiles.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2007

Mr. REHBERG submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

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Whereas consistent with warhead levels agreed to in the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions, done at Moscow on May 24, 2002 (the “Moscow Treaty”), the United States is permanently modifying the capacity of the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) from its prior capability to carry up to three independent reentry vehicles to a single reentry vehicle system, a process known as downloading;

Whereas through the downloading process and the elimination of the Peacekeeper (MX) intercontinental ballistic missile, the United States is now transitioning to a land-based intercontinental ballistic missile force of not less than 500 Minuteman III missiles, each equipped with a single nuclear warhead; and

Whereas in a potential nuclear crisis it is important that the nuclear weapons systems of the United States be configured so as to discourage other nations from making a first strike: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that it should be the policy of the United
 3 States to continue to transition to an intercontinental bal-
 4 listic missile force with not less than 500 missiles, each
 5 equipped with a single nuclear warhead, in order to suffi-
 6 ciently deter current and emerging threats to the security
 7 of the United States.

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